

# MARIN COUNTY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## CENTRAL MARIN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION MINUTES JULY 2, 2003

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Susan Adams, Rocky Birdsey, Al Boro, Damon Connolly, Joy Dahlgren, Don Dickenson, Tom Hinman, Phil Kranenburg, Harriot Manley, Patrick Murphy, and Bob Sonnenberg
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Luis Gramab, Pamela Reaves, Roger Smith, and Juan Zelaya
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Dean Powell, Marin County Department of Public Works; and Bonnie Nelson, Congestion Management Agency Consultant
<b>Others:</b>	Phil Brown, Northern Marin CAC; John Eels; Peter Palmer; Andy Preston, Interim San Rafael Public Works Director; Steve Price, Southern Marin CAC;

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The meeting was convened at 4:06 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

### 2 DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ADMINISTRATION

After introductions, staff facilitated a discussion around the duties, responsibilities, and administration of the committee, focusing on the purpose and responsibilities of the committee, work program and schedule, meeting guidelines, and selection of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the committee.

M/s, Manley/Murphy, to nominate Damon Connolly as committee Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

M/s, Dahlgren/Connolly, to nominate Phil Kranenburg as committee Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORTATION VISION FOR MARIN COUNTY

### 4. PRESENTATION ON THE UNIVERSE OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPTIONS

### 5. PRESENTATION AND BACKGROUND ON THE FOUR EXPENDITURE PLAN ELEMENTS

Staff presented information on *Moving Forward: A 25-Year Transportation Vision for Marin County*, the universe of transportation funding options, and how the preliminary expenditure plan categories or elements were selected by the Congestion Management Agency.

Discussion ensued around: transportation planning for the I-580/U.S. 101 interchange; leveraging sales tax funds; ½-cent versus ¼-cent sales tax; regressivity of sales taxes; how sales taxes are allocated in counties that passed measures; what are winning strategies for sales tax measures and what did not work; results of past Congestion Management Agency polls on expenditure categories; guaranteed minimum allocations versus percentages; what the impact would be on sales tax revenue projections based on an aging population; what the impact of the sales tax being contemplated by the State would be on local measures; the effectiveness of the selected expenditure categories to reduce congestion on a local and regional level; congestion reduction versus congestion management; and integration of recommendations by the CACs. (Information on these topics can be found in the "Frequently Asked Questions" handout in the July staff report packet.) It was the general sense of the majority of the committee that the Congestion Management Agency is headed in the right direction to develop a transportation sales tax expenditure plan, which focuses on local transportation projects and programs. There was some concern raised by a couple of committee members, however, that the four expenditure categories selected will not energize voters and may not address congestion issues adequately.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Steve Price, Southern Marin CAC, noted that many transportation projects take time to implement and that it is important to also develop a list of visible "quick fixes" to gain momentum and show results.

Phil Brown, Northern Marin CAC, noted the importance of the CACs working together.

## **7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION**

The committee agreed to next meet on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Staff will try to reserve a meeting room in the San Rafael Corporate Center and, if not possible, the committee agreed to meet again in the City of San Rafael Council Chamber. The committee also tentatively scheduled meeting dates on August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, starting time at 4:00 p.m., in either meeting venue depending on availability. Future meeting dates, times, and location will be confirmed at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Chair Connolly adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.